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#### AMERICAN REMEDIES FOR CHINESE AILMENTS.

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,  
Washington.

China will soon be the greatest market in the world for proprietary medicines, according to a bulletin issued today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce, to call the attention of American manufacturers to the advantages of getting a good foothold in the market at once.

"Hygiene is practically unknown among the Chinese," the report states, "and the sickness and suffering to which the masses are subject on account of the lack of efficient native remedies or treatment is probably greater than in any other country. This is especially true of all varieties of skin diseases, against which no native salves or blood tonics seem effective."

Ten years ago the proprietary-medicine trade in China was hardly worth mentioning, although foreigners had been laboring for twenty years or more to develop it, but immense strides have been made since then and ample profits have been realized. The trade, however, is still in its infancy.

Through judicious and persistent advertising the natives are gradually being educated to the necessity of paying some intelligent attention to their ailments and are responding remarkably well. For this reason it is not difficult to introduce a good article at a reasonable price, if supported by the right kind of advertising.

The Bureau's report is devoted chiefly to sales methods and advertising and the material presented on these subjects is new and important. Copies of the bulletin, which is entitled "Proprietary Medicine and Ointment Trade in China," Special Consular Reports No. 76, may be purchased for five cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, or from any district office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. It contains twelve pages.

#### UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON CANCER.

The United States Census Bureau has recently published its long-expected special report on the cancer mortality statistics of the United States registration area and its subdivisions, including the States, counties and principal cities, for the year 1914. The American Society for the Control of Cancer takes a just pride in the completion of this work, which was undertaken at its own suggestion and developed in constant cooperation with the Committee on Statistics and individual members of the Board and of the Society, who gave their advice from time to time. The Director of the Census in transmitting the report for publication makes generous acknowledgment of the services rendered by the Society and the members of its Statistical Advisory Board.

This statistical monograph on cancer undoubtedly represents the most comprehensive and detailed work of the kind ever published by any government. While making use of an extended classification of organs and parts of the body similar to that which has appeared for some years in the annual reports of the Registrar General of England and Wales, the American report goes further in offering for the first time a separation of the statistics according to accuracy of diagnosis as determined by surgical intervention, autopsy or microscopical examination.

The preparation of this report has occupied much of the time and labor of the Census Office for the past three years. The accomplishment justifies the effort, for the work places this country far in advance in the scientific collection and tabulation of the official mortality statistics of cancer. The foremost students of the disease have long agreed as to the importance of statistical investigations in throwing further light on the causes of cancer, and have urged that the official returns show the number of deaths in full detail according to organs attacked, and with due regard to age, sex and race. In answering this demand the United States Government has made a notable contribution to the scientific study of this formidable and apparently increasing scourge.

The report can be obtained by writing to the Director of the Census, Washington, D. C.

#### THE J. HENRY BARBAT PRIZE.

Dr. J. Henry Barbat, President of the Society, offers a cash prize of \$50.00 for the best paper presented at the meeting at Del Monte in 1918. Papers on original subjects are to have preference. A jury of five members, appointed by the Council, will have final jurisdiction in the distribution of the prize.